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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM
THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2001 finally rejecting pending claims 7, 9, 10, and 15-17 in connection with the above-identified application.

Additionally, in response to the Final Office Action of September 11, 2001 an Amendment and Response after Final Rejection with Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and accompanying Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Paul J. Maddon, M.D., Ph.D. is being filed concurrently herewith. The subject application is

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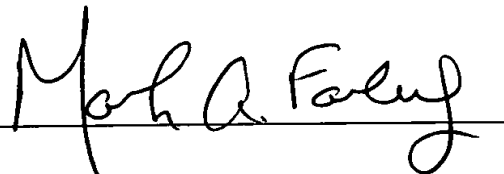
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thus pending today, i.e. March , 2002. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$160.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$160.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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